

WINTER SPORTS PROMISE TO BE RAGE THIS YEAR

THERE is every prospect that winter sports will have a greater vogue in this country during the coming season than ever before. Already preparations to make it possible to enjoy them to the fullest extent are under way. The war in Europe is responsible for this in part. People who are unable to go abroad are getting ready to utilize the resources at home.

Tuxedo has always shown great interest in winter sports, both new and old, and is looking forward to a season of great activity in outdoor pastimes. As soon as the weather permits skating, hockey, ice boating and curling will be enjoyed on the lake or on the artificial rink. When snow covers the ground tobogganing, bob-

the takeoff and there with a great spring leaves the ground and flies through the air with exhilarating momentum. He finally reaches the earth again at any distance up to 125 feet.

Snowshoeing was the first winter sport introduced into the United States, and the lovers of the old Canadian snowshoes are still devoted to them. Snowshoeing lacks the exhilaration of skiing, but it has a far reaching development for the many people who are no longer young.

Another spectacular pastime still a novelty here is skijoring. It is usually performed on a frozen lake covered with a few inches of snow. A well trained horse fitted with an especially constructed light harness is driven by an expert skier, who stands a few feet behind. He holds the whiffletree with one hand and with the other guides the horse by the reins. Very exciting races are run, which prove as interesting for the owner of the horse as for the skier himself.



LASELL SEMINARY GIRLS ON A SKIING EXPEDITION IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

Hobslighting is a sport to be enjoyed on suitable roads or on made tracks. Swiss hobslights have been imported during the last few years. They are a great improvement over the original model, which was first made in this country. The frame of the Swiss sled is lower and wider than the American. The steering, by means of a wheel, is absolutely perfect, and very powerful brakes add to the security of the passengers. The speed attained on a good track is remarkable. The interesting part is to take a well banked curve at a speed of forty miles an hour. Great interest is manifested in races, usually against time. In Switzerland every hobslight has its name, and some of them have more than a local fame.

The toboggan is another Canadian importation originated by the Indians, but much improved since. For many years tobogganing was very popular and still has its followers; the

People have always made the mistake of wearing too heavy clothing when indulging in winter sports. As all winter sports demand a great deal of activity, light weight garments are most desirable, provided one takes the precaution of having a warm sweater or coat to put on at the conclusion of the exercise. The costumes this year are not only practical but are made with an eye to beauty as well.

It will certainly require much time and many efforts before winter sports in America reach that high degree of perfection which they have attained in Switzerland, and about New York. It is unfortunate that the scarcity of snow, the abrupt changes in the temperature and the short duration of the winter season will always be serious handicaps to the enjoyment of cold weather pastimes hereabout. Switzerland, with her ideal conditions for all these pastimes, is likely to remain the paradise of winter sports.



A GAY COASTING PARTY IN SWITZERLAND. THERE WILL BE MANY LIKE IT IN AMERICA THIS WINTER.

sleighbing, snowshoeing and skiing will provide agreeable diversions. One feature of the place is an ice run, the Cresta, about three-fourths of a mile long, with some elaborate curves, made on the same principle as the curves of the famous Cresta run at St. Moritz, Switzerland. Great speed, with the maximum of security, makes the track very popular among the members of the Tuxedo Club. An elaborate programme has been laid out for the coming season, and if only the much desired snow will come in good time winter sports will have many enthusiastic followers.

Among the early followers of the winter games the students of Dartmouth College are conspicuous. Each year trips are planned by them to the neighboring mountains, including Mount Washington. Two years ago the college colors were represented with honor at the international ski jumping competition held at Montreux.

Skiing is practically a new sport in this country. The rapidity with which it has spread during the last few years is remarkable. It is very easy to understand why it has become so popular. To begin with, every person of average strength can get the pleasure of it in the first attempt and with a very few days practice can learn enough to be able to go on little excursions over untrodden deep snow where one could not go without skis or snowshoes. The difficulties of negotiating such obstacles as stone walls, fences, etc., add zest to the sport. One learns to take these seemingly difficult stunts very easily. A small slope near one's home will often give to the beginner as much pleasure as the longer jaunts made by those more expert.

Apart from touring jumping is the most important development of skiing, but before attempting it one must have an intimate knowledge of the art. Briefly put, the skier starts at the top of a steep hill, gathers speed until he reaches

Skating has possibly the greatest following. It is an art as well as a sport and gives healthful exercise to all the muscles of the body, bringing them to a harmonious development. Every amateur skater dreams of the time when he may be able to accomplish the intricate figures of fancy skating and the fascinating waltz on ice. There are three styles of skating, English, American and Continental. For many years the English style was the accepted form, but in the last ten years the Continental style has gained favor and has gradually taken its place.

In the Continental style the body swings with the direction of the stroke, the arms outstretched, indicating the forward movement, and with the legs gracefully bent. In the English style such movement is not permitted. The arms are held motionless close to the body, the legs are unbent and there is a great rigidity of the body throughout. The American style is a combination of the two. Skating this year promises to be a great fun. Already numerous large and small parties have opened the season in the various rinks throughout the city.

When there is no snow on lake or river another form of amusement is skate sailing. The sails are of different shapes. The frame is made of light bamboo, covered with ordinary sail canvas. The average surface is about forty square feet. With a little practice one can quickly acquire great skill in skate sailing.

Hockey is a fast and exciting game, which will naturally attract the young, energetic athlete. The chase of the "puck" requires a great deal of fitness. Curling, the Scotch national game, has come to the rescue of the non-athlete, middle aged and elderly persons, who used to get their enjoyment from watching young people performing on the ice. Now they are active partakers themselves, thus getting their enjoyment at first hand. Here is a game of skill played on ice in the sun or at night by the glare



SKATING, BOTH INDOORS AND OUT, IS POPULAR.

Miss Katherine Dahlgren and R. S. Emmett at a skating tea at the Hippodrome.

of electric light. The beginner gets amusement from his very first game and his enthusiasm will grow as his knowledge of the game progresses.

A clear space of about 125 by 25 feet is all that is necessary for a game of curling played with four players on each side.

BOBSLEDDERS REACH THE FOOT OF THIS SLIDE AT LAKE PLACID AT A SPEED OF SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR.

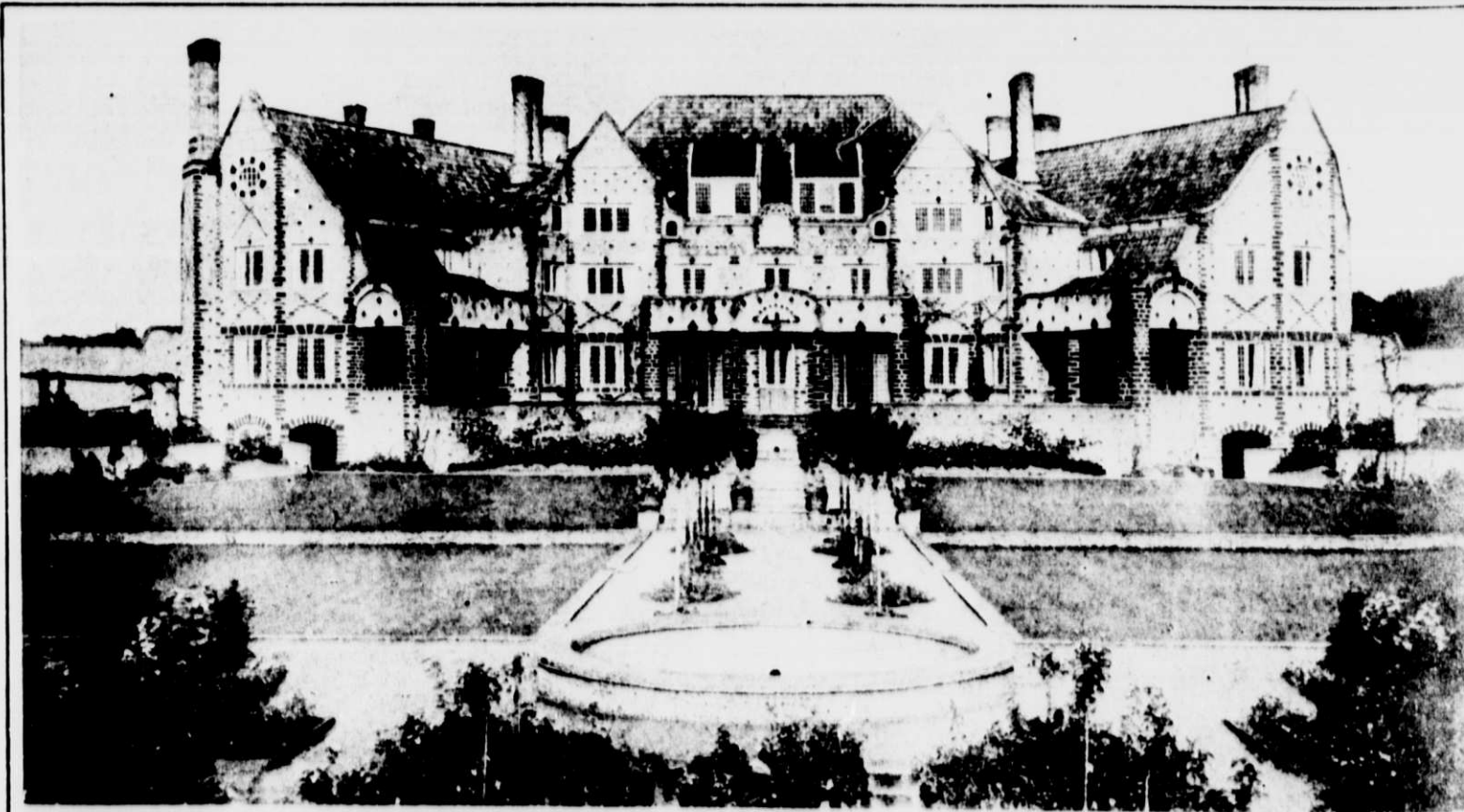
long flight down the icy incline is as fascinating as over to those who are enthusiasts of this sport.

lovers, and for season of white will never fail to attract visitors from every part of the globe.



PREMIER OKUMA GIVES RECEPTION TO JAPANESE NEWSPAPER MEN IN TOKIO.

Seated, left to right, are: Vice-Admiral Kato, Navy Minister; Mr. Taketomi, Finance Minister; Mr. Kono, Minister of Agriculture; Count Okuma; J. Russell Kennedy, President International Press Association; Mr. Minoura, Minister of Communications; Dr. Takata, Minister of Education.



KELLING PLACE, HOLT, NORFOLK, ENGLAND—THE GARDEN OR TERRACE FRONT.

The country home pictured above is said to represent a distinctly new movement in English architecture, which the *Architectural Review* describes as equivalent to that movement which has expressed itself on the Continent in "Art Nouveau" and in America by what is commonly referred to as "The Chicago School."